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Evan:

The attached NEWSWEEK article is correct in the sense that USIA is planning to install satellite monitoring dishes on their facility in Washington to monitor Soviet TV from Gorizont. (They in fact consulted with us for advice on the technical aspects.) What NEWSWEEK reveals, and we have

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NEWSWEEK, Feb. 4, 1985

Washington Tunes In to Soviet Television

U.S. government officials will soon learn what Soviet citizens watch on their television sets. The U.S. Information Agency will begin full-time monitoring of the Soviet TV satellite Ghorizont, enabling it to receive virtually all of the programming transmitted throughout the Soviet Union and its Warsaw Pact neighbors. The agency will translate the programs, which are broadcast in 42 different languages, and make them available to government foreign-affairs and Soviet-studies specialists. "It's a better way to understand the other superpower that lives on the planet," says USIA Director Charles Z. Wick. More specifically, U.S. officials hope to learn whether there is a great disparity between actual events and the versions seen on TV by the Soviets and their neighbors. "We want to understand what disinformation they're bent on spreading," says Wick.